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Dr. Forrest P. Allen,  
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Dear Coach:

For a little magazine piece on which I have the go sign, I am asking the country's ten leading basketball coaches to name the ten best college basketball players of modern history. Would you be kind enough to send me a list of your candidates?

I hope you will base your selections on actual collegiate performances, not what they might have done as pros, if any of them did continue in professional basketball. I want you to consider, if you will, the boys you have coached, ones against whom your teams have played, ones you have seen, and those whom you did not have a chance to see perhaps but are certain have a place on that list of ten.

This is to be a concensus vote, and I will not put you on the spot by crediting you directly. However, in case you name some of your own boys, which you perhaps will, I would appreciate a direct quote. Or for that matter, anything you would like to say about any of the players.

Thanking you kindly for this and past favors, I remain

Sincerely yours

*Robert A. Cook*  
Pvt. Robert A. Cook  
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I met you in '40.